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LB 91, 151, 590, 622, 626A, 729, 882

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Discussion on the bill? Seeing none, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President. Just to let you know that states in our surrounding area are acting in this same manner. Kansas has created much the same kind of fee schedule and will generate, for their citizens, about a million dollars of legal services in the civil area. North Dakota has done the same thing with fees, and they'll generate about \$200,000. There are General Fund appropriations. In Iowa, for example, they do this by an appropriation to their Attorney General's Office. It effectuates exactly the same end. Missouri does the same thing by a General Fund appropriation. And so, as you can see, states in our surrounding area are doing the same thing that we're contemplating here, some by fee, some by General Fund appropriation, I chose the fee route. I ask for the advancement of 729.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 729. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 729.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Senator Kristensen, to (LB) 590; Senator Witek, (LB) 622; Senator Landis, (LB) 151. A series of amendments by Senator Chambers to (LB) 882. New A bill, (LB) 626A, by Senator Wesely. (Read by title for the first time.) And Senator Abboud would like to add his name to LB 91. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 2314-21 of the Legislative Journal.)